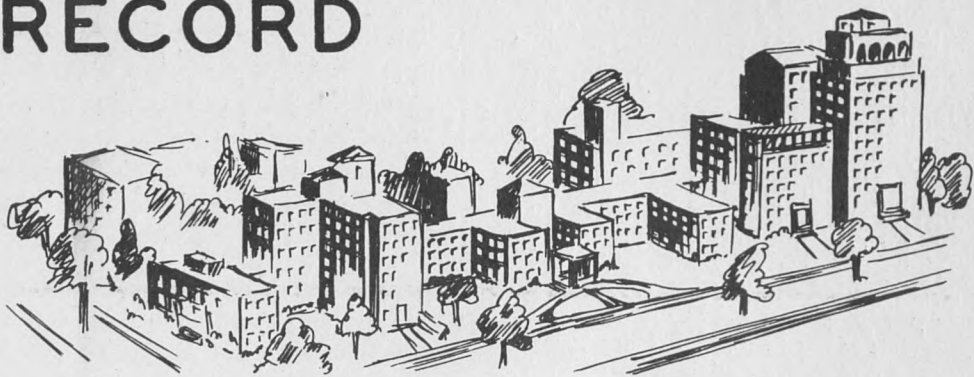


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THE HOSPITAL BY NIGHT

The night hours often seem to stretch into endless infinity to the fretful and un-sleeping patient, but still he has the comforting knowledge that in the small hours of the morning there is always someone here with him in mind. As the last visitors leave and the patients are made ready for the night, a calm settles over the hospital. At 11:00 p.m. the employees of the night shift report for duty and are soon settled down to their various tasks--that of the lonely night vigil.

Just as many of us are getting ready for a good night's sleep, the people on the night's work. All of the employees on this shift are to be commended for their fine performances in helping to keep the hospital functioning in a smooth and efficient manner. There are certain departments in the hospital that must always maintain a 24-hour service in order that our patients receive care. A considerable number of the medical staff, interns, assistant residents and residents, are caring for the patients at all hours. The

nursing department, which has the largest number of employees at night, is also working at the side of the physician at all times. Other departments like the emergency room, operating room and delivery room furnish stand-by protection. These departments are always ready for any emergency action that might arise during the night.

The night assistant administrator completes the round-the-clock administrative cycle when he takes over the reins from the evening assistant administrator. He is on the scene ready to coordinate the activities of all the departments and to help make necessary administrative decisions. He calls the Director or one of the Associate Directors if the situation requires it.

Other departments are also performing vital duties. The Admitting Offices are jointly responsible for the checking and double-checking which they do in preparing the midnight census and admitting patients

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RED CROSS DRIVE OPENED FEBRUARY 21

The 1955 Red Cross Drive opened on February 21, and again the Barnes employees are having an opportunity to contribute to this worthwhile cause.

The activities of the Red Cross are familiar to all of us. It offers assistance to the many thousand persons who need its help each year. Red Cross supplies nearly 40 per cent of all the blood used for treatment of civilian patients in this country and during the last fiscal year it procured 2,896,400 blood donations for the armed forces and national defense. In addition, the money that you contribute will support the following Red Cross activities: Disaster relief, first aid training, water safety, home nursing, service to the Armed Forces, emergency aid to families of service men, and Junior Red Cross.

Pledge cards may be obtained in the Personnel Office. There will be no payroll deduction this year; however, donations may be made by cash and check, or if requested, the Red Cross will bill you directly at your home. Everyone is urged to make his contribution as generous as possible.

MR. BOONE POWELL VISITS BARNES

Mr. Boone Powell, Administrator of Baylor University Hospital in Dallas, Texas, was a recent visitor in our medical center where he was a guest lecturer at one of the classes in hospital administration. Mr. Powell spoke on "What the Preceptor Expects of an Administrative Resident".

Baylor University Hospital has had a residency training program for eight years and at present has two of our administrative graduates in its program. The hospital has approximately 36,000 admissions per year and has 1200 persons in its employ.

Mr. Powell has served as administrator at Baylor for the past ten years and is also president-elect of the Texas Hospital Association, Trustee of the American Protestant Hospital Association and a member of the American College of Hospital Administrators.

COMMENCEMENT FOR NURSE ANESTHETISTS

Commencement ceremonies were held at three o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, February 16, in Wohl Dining Room, for seven nurse anesthetists who completed their training. Those receiving diplomas were:

J. Patrice Flynn
Thelma Gray
Grace Jones
Eleanor McIntyre
Barbara Powell
Suzy Sakato
Carmel Wright

After a message from Dr. F. R. Bradley, Director of the medical center, tea was served to the graduates and their guests.

FIRST PRE-ENTRANCE NURSING STUDENTS VISIT BARNES

- On the 4th and 5th of February the Nursing Department was buzzing with anticipation of the eighteen prospective students who came to take the pre-entrance examinations for the September class of the Barnes Hospital School of Nursing. This was the first group of students to come for the testing program and all appeared to be good candidates.

The first day was spent in interviews and tours of the hospital and physical examinations. The second day was given over to the psychometric testing program for entrance into schools of nursing. Friday night a theatre party was given for the group, and on Saturday a luncheon was held in the cafeteria and a tea in the afternoon in Wohl dining room.

On the tenth floor of the nurses' residence where the redecoration has begun, a display room was set up in order that the prospective students might see what is planned for the students' living quarters.

- On Saturday morning, February 12, seventeen interested students come from out-state schools where our recruiters had visited for a tour of the medical center, luncheon, and tea. Because of the very bad weather conditions, we were extremely pleased to have had so many present.

A program similar to this will be held each month through July for pre-entrance students and the schools visited. To date our recruiters have visited 34 schools in out-state Missouri since the second week in January, and we are now beginning recruiting in Illinois.

The Nursing Department is deeply appreciative of the work of the recruiters and all the other departments in the hospital who have joined in so enthusiastically and given so generously to make this program success.



MISS HOEKSTRA NAMED NEW ADMINISTRATOR AT ST. LOUIS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Miss Lilly D. Hoekstra has been appointed the new administrator of St. Louis Children's Hospital, it was announced recently by Roy D. Kercheval, President of the Board of Trustees of the Hospital.

Miss Hoekstra is a graduate of the Washington University School of Nursing, where she received a B.S. degree, studied hospital administration at the University of Chicago, and is a Fellow in the American College of Hospital Administrators. She served as assistant administrator from 1940 to 1943, at St. Louis Children's Hospital, when she left to serve in the Army Nurse Corps. During two years of overseas service, Miss Hoekstra was chief nurse of the 106th General Hospital in England. After the termination of World War II, she completed her studies at the University of Chicago and returned for a brief time to St. Louis Children's Hospital to fill various administrative and nursing positions. She became general administrator of Puerto Rico's government hospitals in 1949, a post she retained
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KNOW YOUR STAFF

Perhaps many of us do not know Mrs. Rosemarie Sandling, Assistant Night Nursing Supervisor, because she has been on night duty since joining our staff in January, 1951.

Mrs. Sandling was born in Taylorville, Illinois, where she received her secondary education. After graduation from high school, she entered Washington University School of Nursing. Upon completion of her training, she was employed as a staff nurse at the Veterans Hospital, Jefferson Barracks, for about eight months before coming to Barnes.

Mrs. Sandling's husband, Edward, is a graduate student at Washington University working toward his master's degree in education. Her hobbies are knitting and chess. As for sports, she claims little participation in any, but would choose basketball as her favorite in the spectator line. When asked about favorite foods, she said that she does not particularly

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PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

Mrs. Audrey Soule, night admitting clerk in McMillan, has been with our medical center since July of 1943, and has been on night duty since September of the following year.

Prior to coming to the medical center, Mrs. Soule had been employed as a secretary for various St. Louis physicians since 1922. She was born in Cairo, Illinois, and graduated from high school there. Mrs. Soule is also a graduate of Cairo Business College.

Reading and movies take up quite a bit of Mrs. Soule's spare time and as for sports, she always looks forward to the time of the year when she can do a little fishing. Her favorite foods are fried chicken and hushpuppies. Mrs. Soule has one pet peeve and that is anyone who says "This is going to be a good night to sleep". Her real pride and joy is her young grandson and she is always ready to relate his most recent activities to any ready ear.

BLUE CROSS RATES AND BENEFITS TO BE INCREASED

To keep abreast with developments in medical care and to continue to provide the maximum in hospital benefits to Blue Cross members at the lowest possible cost, the Trustees of Group Hospital Service, Inc. have authorized an increase in Blue Cross benefits and an adjustment of dues effective May 1, 1955. Present benefits were reviewed and substantial increases will be made in those which will be of the greatest service to the greatest number of members.

Now - 70 days per admission (was 60 days per year)

Now - Care beyond 70 days - 180 days at \$3.00 for EVERYONE (was 180 days at \$1.50 for subscribers and sponsored dependents only)

Now - Private room allowance \$10.00 per day (was \$6.00 per day)

Now - No contributory payment to hospitals (was \$1.00 per day by all dependents - \$2.00 in Maternity cases)

Now - Out-patient care up to \$25.00 per admission (was \$15.00 per year)

Now - Non-member hospital allowance \$10.00 per day (was \$7.00 per day)

Now - Tuberculosis, Mental, Nervous, Drug and Alcoholic treatment in Sanatoria \$140.00 per year (was \$90.00 per year)

Now - No enrollment fee (was \$1.00 per subscriber at time of enrollment)

Now - Children sponsored at age 19 (was age 18)

The following are the new Blue Cross Group rates effective May 1, 1955:

Individual	\$2.20 (no maternity care)
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Family (two or more)	4.60
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Sponsored dependent	1.50
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(Two-person membership will be discontinued)

THANKS

Edna Schaper, secretary in Barnes operating room, has asked us to print her message of appreciation and thanks to the employees and medical staff who contributed their aid so generously to her and her children during their recent time of need when fire in her apartment destroyed virtually all of their belongings.

KNOW YOUR STAFF (*Continued*)

like to eat (which is evidenced by her very slim stature) but, if forced to make a choice, would probably select fried chicken.

This month's personality is another representative of our loyal night staff who help the hospital maintain its 24-hour service to the patient and community.



Shown above Mary Lodwick, Ann Kelly, Eva Hill, and Martha Gresham, Admitting Clerks from our medical center who join forces each night to complete the midnight census.

Shown below in the operating division are Franzetta Harris and Mary Furlow preparing supplies.



THE HOSPITAL BY NIGHT



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Shown caring for a patient in our emergency room is Pauline Luellen, Dr. John Vavra, Bertha Sieger, R.N., and Dr. Lynn Krause.

Lena Hennebelle, Bob Reber, and Billie Henson of the IBM Department are shown below as they prepare patient billing.





Ruth Walden is shown above as she mans the switchboard from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.



Shown above cleaning equipment in the Central Supply Room are Leatha Smith, Eddie Scott, and Frances Alcorn.

Bessie Haun and Doris Cosgrove are shown below serving food in the cafeteria to night employees.



Shown below is Edwin Blickenstaff, night watchman, punching his clock on rounds.



THE HOSPITAL BY NIGHT *(Continued)*

In the IBM division of the Accounting Department, three key punch operators and two tabulating equipment operators process the daily patient billing. The Central Supply Room carries its part of the load as the employees clean instruments and prepare the equipment for use the next day. Here you will also find orderlies ready to rush oxygen and suction equipment to the nursing divisions at a moment's notice. You will also find activity in the operating room as aides sterilize the gloves and prepare the packs and other necessary items for the next day's scheduled operations. These functions enable the doctors and nurses to give more of their time to the actual professional duties of the medical center. Barnes cafeteria is open from 10:15 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. serving a variety of food and steaming hot coffee to the night employees. Housekeeping is represented by the lone janitor found scrubbing away all traces of the previous day's activities in the main lobby. From Maintenance come two watchmen who faithfully make the rounds of the hospital each night checking to see that all necessary doors are locked and everything is secure. Another department of utmost importance is the switchboard, and there you will find one operator calmly taking all calls from 11:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. Although the calls are at a minimum during these hours, the ones that do come through are usually of an emergency nature and must be handled with speed and accuracy.

The duties of the night employees are variable, but all of them are of great importance to the welfare and care of the patient and to the overall operation of the hospital. It is only through the concentrated effort of these loyal employees that we can maintain our patient care on a round-the-clock basis. It is to this sometimes "forgotten" shift that

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MISS HOEKSTRA *(Continued)*

until her return to St. Louis in 1951, to become assistant administrator at St. Louis Children's Hospital. Miss Hoekstra has continued to fill this position until her recent appointment.

Miss Patricia Brandt of Syracuse, N. Y., will become the new assistant administrator it was learned. Miss Brandt, a graduate of the Roosevelt Hospital School of Nursing, holds a Master's degree in hospital administration. She has recently been instructor of public health at the State University of New York College of Medicine in Syracuse.

THE HOSPITAL BY NIGHT
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we dedicate this month's Hospital Record, and hope in some small way that it will say "thanks" to all of these employees for the invaluable work they are doing here.

A pilot had to take to his parachute because of engine trouble. On his way through space, he met an old lady floating up.

Pilot: "Hey, have you noticed a jet plane going down?"

Lady: "No, have you seen a gas stove going up?"

Lady-of-the-house: "Did you take a bath this morning?"

New Maid: "No. Is one missing?"

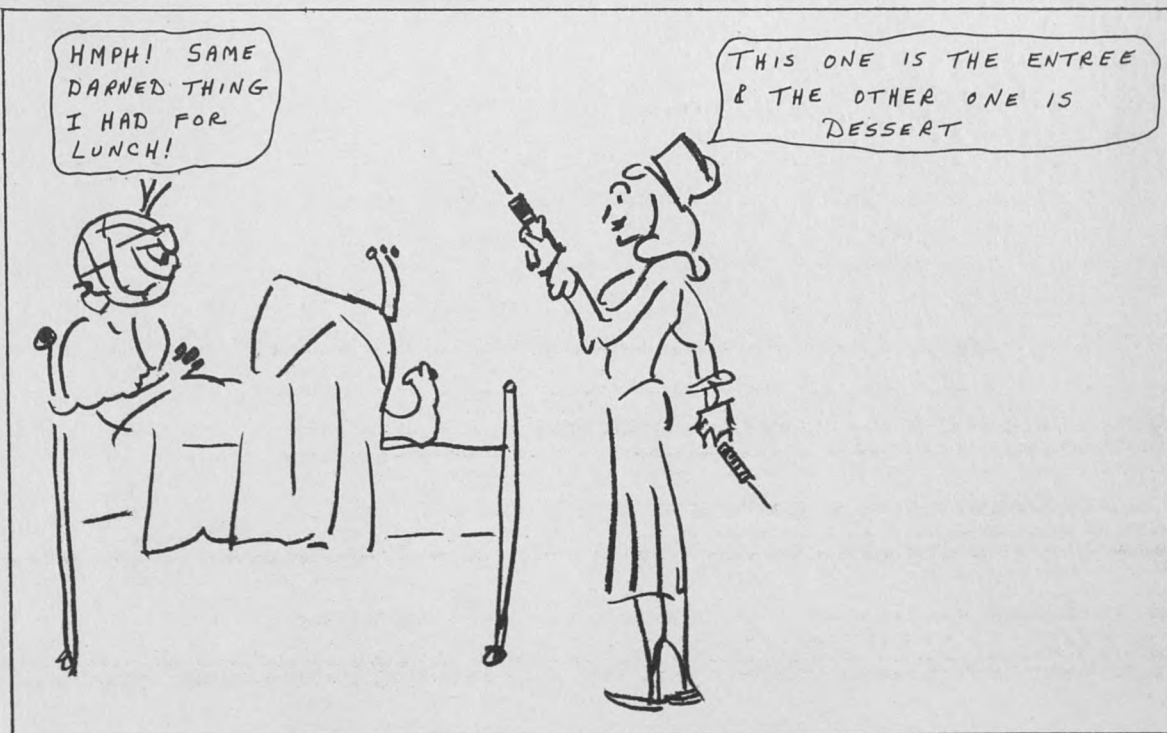
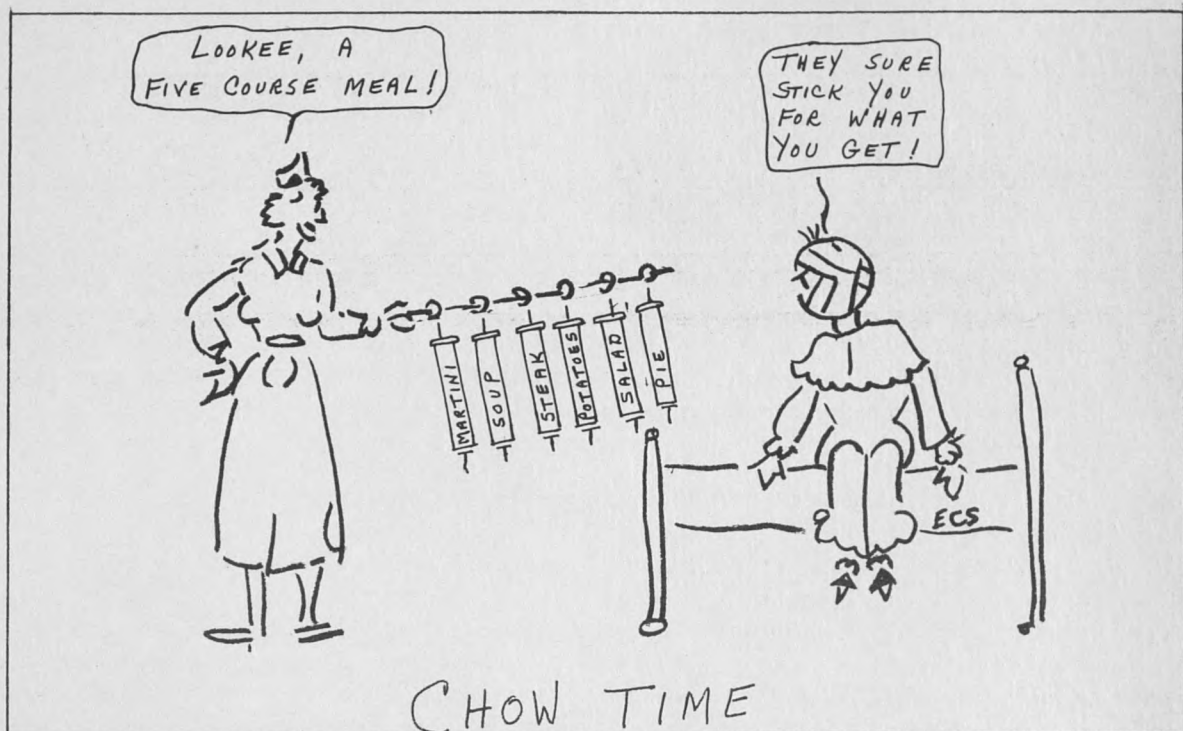
Home: The only place you can trust hash... or a compliment.

We wonder if you've seen the new pen and penicillin sets?

THE COMPLICATED ART OF EATING AND SPEAKING
(as experienced by a plastic patient)

The following cartoons were submitted to us by a former patient on plastic service, and are the conception of the artist as he depicted her plight through letters written by the patient. We are grateful to both of them for permission to reproduce the sketches.





CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

by

GEORGE BOWLES



Looking back upon past events and experiences can be a rather helpful process. We do learn from those things we have done and at the same time cause us to feel quite inadequate. An honest survey gives some of each kind.

This column has not been used before as a means of dealing with personal matters of the writer, but this is an exception. Today marks the close of my fifth year as chaplain of Barnes Hospital Medical Center. As I came to work this morning I heard Eddie Fisher singing "Count Your Blessings" and I realized that I should be

doing just that as I looked back upon the five years I have been privileged to serve in this place. I have learned to know and appreciate some of the finest people that could be found anywhere. Five years of daily association with the same people cause one to evaluate the attitudes and standards of those with whom he comes in contact in work relationships. There is also the matter of dependence we have upon each other as we work at a common task, and this is very real in a hospital environment.

A great doctor once said that the sick room is the most highly charged emotional situation in which an individual can work, and the hospital is the most complex organization created by man. That is a real challenge to all of us who work together for the restoration of health. Each day is not too often to look back to see how well we have carried our part of the load.

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